



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Monday, December 10, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-5789)

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Call to Order. (12-5587)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of November 19, 2012. (12-5589)

On motion of Commissioner Alice Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 19, 2012 were approved.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. requested the audience to introduce themselves.

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II. PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation by Janette Robinson Flint, Executive Director of Black Women for Wellness, on the disparities in the health and wellness of women in Los Angeles; and how to effectively reverse that trend and enhance their health and well being. (12-5660)

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. introduced Janette Robinson Flint, Executive Director of Black Women for Wellness. Ms. Robinson Flint provided an overview of the Black Women for Wellness a non-profit, community based organization founded in 1997. The organization operates as a women's center offering free services, culturally appropriate health education and advocacy in under-served areas in South Los Angeles. Their mission is to enhance the health and well-being of black women.

During her presentation, Ms. Robinson Flint highlighted the following statistics and information:

- a. **The average woman uses approximately 10 chemically based products daily;**
- b. **Kitchen Divas Classes are offered by the Black Women for Wellness organization;**
- c. **67% of black women are overweight or obese;**
- d. **Black women ages 13 to 24 account for 67% of the new cases of HIV in Los Angeles;**
- e. **Black women have limited access to clinics due to lack of information regarding services available;**
- f. **"Get Smart before you get Sexy" classes are provided to high school students by the organization;**
- g. **Proposed changes to AB 489 are in the works to expand health care and preventive treatment to minors;**
- h. **AB 2348 would include additional service providers giving access to birth control and family planning services; and**

- i. **Black Women for Wellness have availability of funds for HIV prevention and treatment** .

She also reported on two (2) health programs:

- a. **Participating in Morehouse College School of Medicine on "Epic" Program, that involves breast health exams; and**
- b. **Partnership with National Black Women Health Imperative with Center for Disease Control grant.**

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary invited Ms. Robinson Flint to join in the activities of Health Committee.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

President Ward thanked Ms. Robinson Flint for her informative presentation and invited her to the Women of the Year Luncheon.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. REPORTS

3. President's Report for November 2012. (12-5590)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. reported that the Commission for Women's Bank of America account is scheduled for closure on December 19, 2012. She also reported that Treasurer Martha E. Escandon, M.B.A. submitted her letter of resignation today due to family obligations. Commissioner Charlotte Lesser volunteered to assume the Treasurer position. Commissioners Alice Petrossian and Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. volunteered to assist with the Women of the Year Ad-Hoc Committee since Commissioner Gallegos, Co-Chair of the Women of the Year Committee is unable to attend the December and January Commission meetings. President Ward thanked Commissioner Lesser and appointed her as Treasurer. She will confer with Commissioners Creary and Petrossian as to who will chair the Women of the Year Ad-Hoc Committee.

4. Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members:

- Health Committee
- Women of the Year Committee (12-5591)

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. gave a brief report of the Health Committee's meeting of November 29, 2012. She also reported December 2012 is "Safe Toys and Gifts Month" and "National Hand Washing Awareness Week" was December 2-8, 2012.

The Women of the Year Committee will meet immediately following this meeting to review the nomination applications. Emma De Jesus, staff, added nominations are still pending from the Second and Fourth Districts. She is currently receiving bios and photos from nominees.

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5. Staff report by Emma De Jesus on updates to Commission for Women website and County Counsel's opinion of proposed support of "One Billion Rising Campaign", and the Affordable Care Act Legislation. (12-5662)

Ms. De Jesus read the County Counsel's opinion regarding "One Billion Rising Campaign" and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Legislation.

Regarding Affordable Care Act (ACA) Legislation, County Counsel's opinion is to correspond with the Department of Health Services and Board of Supervisors on upcoming programs.

During discussion, the Health Committee agreed to contact the Department of Health Services for more information about ACA.

After further discussion, on motion of Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., and unanimously carried, staff was instructed to draft a letter to be presented on January 14, 2013 agenda, requesting the Board to support the "One Billion Rising Campaign".

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Commissioners' announcements for December 2012. (12-5593)

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. reported she attended the Second Supervisorial District Oath of Office Ceremony For Advocacy to Delivery Event on November 30, 2012 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital - Medical Village Campus. She shared a photo taken at the event of her grandson and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. She also noted special needs accommodations are available at the Village Campus and the hospital is scheduled to reopen in 2014.

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Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-5594)

The following item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 7A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez: Draft a letter for submittal to the Board of Supervisors regarding the "One Billion Rising" Campaign. (12-5825)

On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., unanimously carried, the following item was introduced for discussion and will be placed on the January 14, 2013 agenda for consideration:

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Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-5595)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on the following issues:

- \$50M at Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital**
- Code Violation on maternity hospitals in San Gabriel Valley**
- Disposition of medical waste**

A copy of the status report on the implementation of the coordination agreement between the County and the Regents of the University of California regarding the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital was shared. She reported that the human condition at MLK Hospital was not reported like the impact of a woman and her infant who died at the facility.

Adjournment

- 9. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, December 10, 2012. (12-5596)**

On motion of Vice President Becky V. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, unanimously carried, the December 10, 2012 meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.